

OUTCOME: DURHAM CITIZENS ENJOY SUSTAINABLE, THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS WITH EFFICIENT AND WELL-MAINTAINED INFRASTRUCTURE

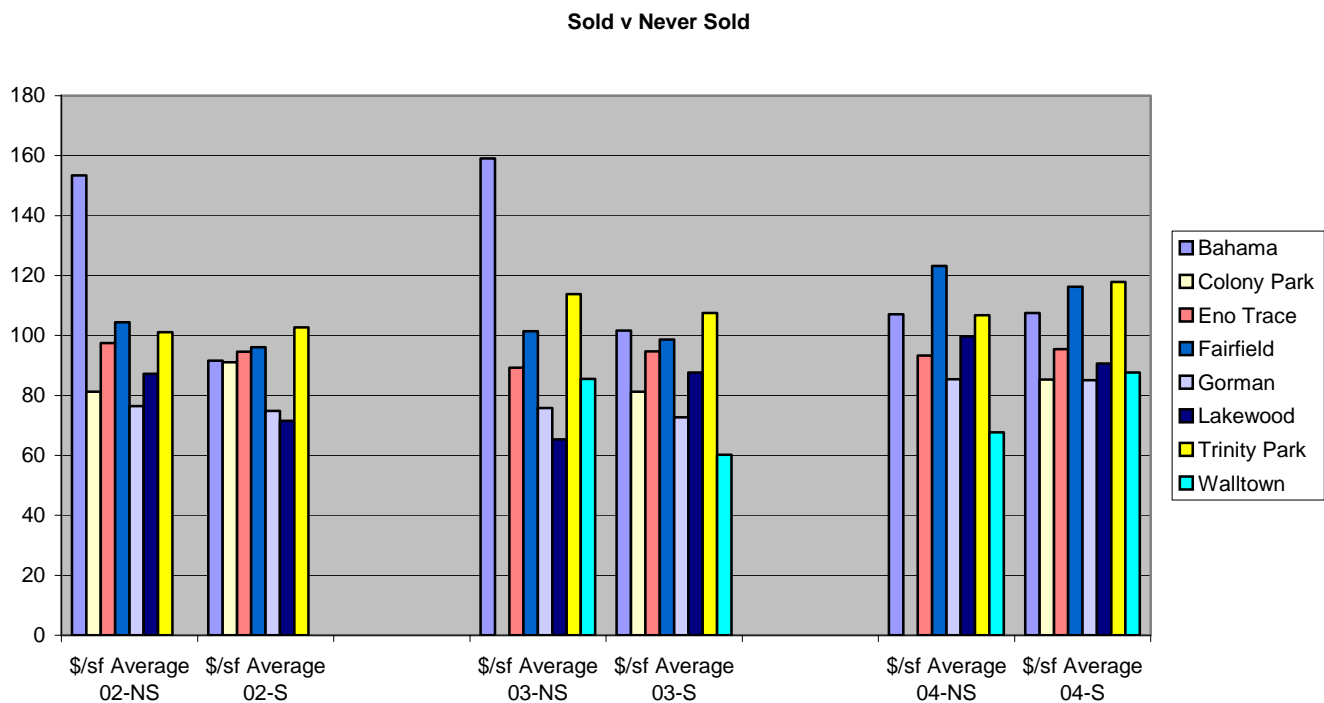
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INDICATOR 1: Real Estate Values & Percent of Housing Units Sold vs. Percent of Housing Units Listed



Story Behind the Curve

From a large number of identified variables including appearance and walk ability, we have chosen, as our proxy, to condense down to dollar per square foot values on sales in selected

representative neighborhoods, and additionally the number of houses for sale versus those that sold.

Our goal is to see positive value increases in all neighborhoods in future years and to see proportionately larger increases in at-risk neighborhoods.

Ideally, as a future endeavor to provide a clearer picture, we would like to take an inventory of all neighborhoods and based on specific criteria rate them as either stable or at-risk.

INDICATOR 2: Condition of Roadways and Number of Miles of Roadways Paved and Repaved

Streets Rated Poor Or Very Poor:

1995 -7.3%

1999 – 18.2%

2004 – 23.0%

Percent of ITRE Rate Streets Needing Repair:

1995 – 26%

1999 – 44%

2005 – 52%

County of Durham Resurfacing Report 2004:

Primary routes – 5 lane-miles

Secondary routes - 31 lane miles

Urban routes - 4 lane miles

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Our proxy for infrastructure is lane miles resurfaced. Using the Pavement Conditions Survey, Created by The Institute of Transportation, Research and Education, we are taking the percentage of streets in each condition (poor, very poor and fair) and looking at the number of lane miles we actually resurface in a given year. Additionally we would like to take the number of lane miles of unpaved streets and look at the number of lane miles paved. The survey will be done every 5 years and that data will be included in our evaluations.

A goal would be to resurface every 20 years. Currently we are resurfacing every 80 years with the corresponding higher maintenance costs that are required for street in poor or very poor condition. There is a pretty clear turning point on this indicator – when we get the hole we have dug ourselves into filled up (quit needing to pay additional costs for streets we didn't fix when they first needed it) and are only needing to keep on a normal maintenance schedule.

INDICATOR 3: Number of Organized, Active Neighborhood Associations

Organizations registered with the Inter Neighborhood Council of Durham

2002/2003 - 32

2004 - 33

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Organized neighborhood associations add to the quality of life in their neighborhoods by organizing community events, monitoring that development for their area is appropriate and many other aspects of knowing and caring for their neighbors. There is a strong correlation between stable, thriving neighborhoods and active neighborhood associations. Our goal would be to see the number of organized associations increase from year to year. For indicator 3, like indicator 1, with additional resources we could build and track a much more complex index. An index of civic involvement would include such things as participation in voluntary organizations, number of volunteers for citizen committees, voter turnout, and trust in government.